



BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST IN COMMUNITY THIS FALL

Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

**FRIENDS
NEWSLETTER
FALL 2014**

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WHERE FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY

by Matthew Tees- Executive Director

In the life of a year round summer camp and retreat center, there are many different people who cross paths and come into contact with each day. Some are retreat guests, others are camp vendors, some people we meet for the first time while visiting a parish in the diocese, and others at fundraising events as we share the story and mission of Camp DeWolfe.

If you have been around Camp DeWolfe in the last few years you have most likely heard someone talk about **purposeful community** (one of our core values). The meaning of which being that we intentionally welcome and encourage guests, campers, and staff to make the most of their time on site with the people around them. This often means

“unplugging” from cell phones, the internet, or media, so to focus our attention to those around us and quieten our hearts, as we listen for God’s voice in our lives. Hopefully, as we temporarily say “no” to the distractions around us, we can better connect and support those in our current “community”.

At a recent camp event, the effects of when campers focus on each other were shared and discussed. The comment I receive most often goes something like this, “I feel like camp is my second home” or “I can’t wait until next year to see my **Camp Family**”.

What is it about our experiences away from home and family that

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bring up such comments? I think that it comes down to being purposeful in our relationships. Taking the time to listen and making new memories as we try new activities. Whether we fail or succeed in doing so makes no difference whatsoever, but having people around us who will unceasingly support and encourage us is something to truly cherish in today's world.

As a Christian organization, Camp DeWolfe endeavors to openly and intentionally welcome everyone we meet into the "Camp Family". This means taking the time to ensure we bring new faces in and also more importantly making

sure we point those people to a better source of strength and support than we could ever hope to provide. That is a true mark of authentic community; our strength is not in and of ourselves, but flows directly from a God who loves us so well, that we are left with no other option but to love others.

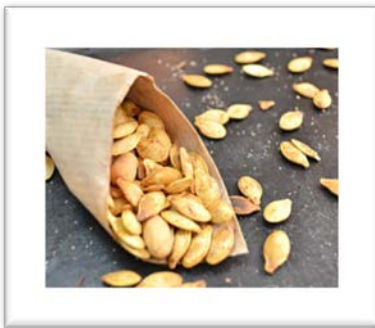
Romans 5:15 states, *"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had"*.

It takes an experience of this love to truly offer this gift to another. The goal of creating a "Camp Family" is really the goal to bring others into the family of Christ. So

while we strive to create community, we ultimately strive to open our own hearts to reflect God's love to those around us. Sounds like a good family to me!



THIS FALL IN THE DAVIS DINING HALL



PUMPKIN SEEDS!

This fall has been a busy one for everyone in the Camp Kitchens. A record number of groups and guests meant more supplies and dishes to wash too. Here is a great family activity to try out and enjoy during the cooler fall months!

Ingredients:

4 cups of pumpkin seeds rinsed & dried
 ½ cup melted butter
 2 tablespoons of brown sugar
 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
 ¼ teaspoon of salt
 ¼ cup of sugar divided



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Combine the pumpkin seeds, butter, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt in a bowl.
3. Spread seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet. Cook for 15 minutes.
4. Remove from oven and sprinkle with 2 tablespoons of sugar.
5. Put back in the oven for another 15 minutes.
6. Take out and sprinkle with remaining sugar. Bake for an additional 20 minutes.
7. Take out and cool.

-by Tina DeGolyer
 (Food Service Manager)

NEW YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM



Are you a Young Adult ages 18-30 or know someone who is? Are you energetic and encouraging with a heart for youth? Do you have administrative, marketing and communications skills? Do you love the outdoor setting? Do you love people? Join the Camp DeWolfe team and apply to become an Intern today! Camp DeWolfe Interns serve for approx 20 hours per week (flexible) during Retreat Season Office hours of Wednesday – Sunday 9am – 4pm or Summer Camp Season Office hours of Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm. Opportunities to gain credit for your college degree or earn some cash while gaining valuable experience in a non-profit ministry.



The New York Youth Symphony Orchestra retreat to Camp DeWolfe for their Fall Kick-Off Weekend in September 2014! Making music unto the Lord!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

November 2014

14th – 15th – Diocesan Convention- Melville Marriott- Come and Support the Camp Ministry!

14th – 15th – Friends Academy School Prayer Retreat

15th – 16th – Centerpoint Church’s Youth Retreat

17th – Long Island Pastor’s Breakfast at Camp DeWolfe

21st – 23rd – Long Island Maine Cadets Weekend

22nd – Annual Camp Benefit Dinner 5pm Celebrate 2014 with us and support the ministry in 2015! All welcome!

23rd – Camp DeWolfe @ Christ Church Manhasset

27th – Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2014

NOTE:

Check the camp blog for regular news and articles to support you, your family and your parish ministry!

WWW.CAMPDEWOLFE.ORG/BLOG

1st – 4th – Camp Staff at Christian Camp and Conference Association CCCA’s National Conference

6th – 7th – I.G.H.L. Retreat

14th – Camp DeWolfe @ St Steven’s Port Washington

25th – Christ is Born! Emmanuel!

January 2015

9th – 10th – True North Church Band & Production Team Retreat

10th – Engaging Youth Workshop @Camp DeWolfe

16th – 18th – Arumdaun Church’s Young Adult Retreat

23rd-25th – Winter Camp 2015

February 2015

6th-7th - Listening to God Adult Retreat

15th – 16th – The Stony Brook School Women’s Retreat

21st - Camp America Staff Fair London

Summer Camp 2015-July - August 2015!

Register online: www.campdewolfe.org

- 50% Scholarships available
- Sibling Discounts
- Refer-A-Friend Discounts



CAMP DEWOLFE PARTNERS WITH COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

This fall, Camp DeWolfe has partnered with Compassion International for their Release 3 Campaign. This is an opportunity for us all to come alongside three children in need for four weeks.

Our prayer is that God can use Camp DeWolfe to release three children from poverty in Jesus' name! Camp DeWolfe has committed to the following:

- **Pray for each child by name.**
- **Display their photos at camp.**
- **Tell friends and family about them.**
- **Try to find a loving sponsor for each child.**

Please join us in praying for these three children and contact the Camp Office today at 631-929-4325 or office@campdewolfe.org if you are interested in becoming a sponsor or learning more about these children and the ways you can show them Christ's love.

We personally sponsor a child who lives in the D.R. and he is now one of our family since we began our sponsorship in 2011. We write to him monthly and support him year-round. We highly recommend the Lord's work through Compassion International and go to their website www.compassion.com to learn more. *By Emma Tees
Program Director*



Church groups and youth groups embracing the outdoor and natural setting at Camp DeWolfe this Fall 2014...



COMING BACK AFTER 50 YEARS

by David Downes, Program Director, 1964 and 1965, Camp DeWolfe, Wading River, LI, NY

Descending the path to the waterfront last June before summer camp had started was the beginning of a wonderful trip down memory lane. Fifty years ago I was the Program Director at Camp DeWolfe and I was delighted when the current Program Director, Emma Tees, offered to give me a tour of today's camp.

Although much has changed in 50 years, a lot of things were still very familiar: the very long climb up and down "Heart Attack Hill" to the beach, St. Luke's Chapel with its breath-taking view of the Sound, Benson House (before we knew it was a secret FBI counterintelligence site during World War II), the dining and recreation halls (both of which have been renovated and winterized) and many of the cabins and wash houses (although these too have been rebuilt or updated and winterized). Fifty years ago there was no ropes course or swimming pool, and the Camp was not used year-round, but otherwise it seemed very familiar.

My time at Camp began in 1960 as a member of what was then called the "Work Crew," a group of 8-10 teenage boys whose primary duties were in the kitchen and the dining hall, peeling potatoes (and otherwise helping prepare and serve food), washing dishes, scrubbing pots and cleaning-up after meals. But as the "Work Crew," we were also expected to carry equipment up and down the hill to the beach, move tent platforms and do any other work involving heavy lifting or team effort. The entire crew lived together in what is now Matt and Emma Tees' residence. No other staff dared to visit this bunk house which had more the atmosphere (and aroma) of a locker room than a residence.

After two years on the Work Crew (during which I sweated off a lot of

weight), I got "promoted" to the exalted position of Maintenance Director for one summer, repairing bed springs, patching screen windows and doors, unclogging toilets, cutting grass, keeping the soda machine filled with bottles of Coke and doing just about anything else that could be called "maintenance." My most vivid memory from that summer was learning to drive what I remember to be a 1947, 1.5 ton Ford flatbed truck with something like 15 forward gears, 3 reverse gears, and no power steering.

During the following three summers I helped plan, organize, schedule and lead the full range of program activities, first as Program Assistant, then as Program Director. I remember in particular one notorious activity that happened at least once every summer. Michael Borsari, whose father maintained the grounds at the Cathedral in Garden City, also worked at the Camp. When we "discovered" (every summer) that Mike had "lost" his wooden toe (held in place with a leather strap), we mobilized the entire Camp to search for it. We may even have offered an ice cream reward to the cabin or tent that found it. Of course, some campers were skeptical about Mike's having a wooden toe to begin with, so after dinner on the night before the great hunt, Mike would take off his shoes and socks in front of the entire camp, revealing that he was indeed missing the small toe on one foot (the result of having gotten too close to his father's lawn mower at the Cathedral). As I recall, we did in fact have a carved wooden toe that someone found every year. Mike, of course, never actually wore it.

In those days, Benson House was where most of the non-Work Crew and non-counselor staff lived. It was also where staff hung out after hours. It was where I learned to play bridge with my hero, Fr. John and his wife Betty, who was also the Camp Nurse. The front porch (facing the Sound) was where staff were expected to read both Morning and Evening Prayer every day, unless we a

good excuse. This was in addition to the Mass that all staff and campers attended in St. Luke's Chapel before breakfast every morning. Bishop DeWolfe, Fr. John and thus the Camp itself tended to be pretty "high church" liturgically. I think it was every Thursday that we had a Solemn High Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary with lots of incense, vestments, chanting and processing (we used the sanctus bell every day). Being the thurifer at those services is one of my most cherished memories, so much so that I looked for the thurible at the chapel when I visited last summer but couldn't find it.

Even though I had been gone for 50 years and some things had changed (and there were no campers around), it still felt like the place that had been such an important part of my young life. I'm very glad that Camp DeWolfe has continued to be that kind of place for so many other young people in the Diocese and that others get to go on retreat there during the rest of the year.

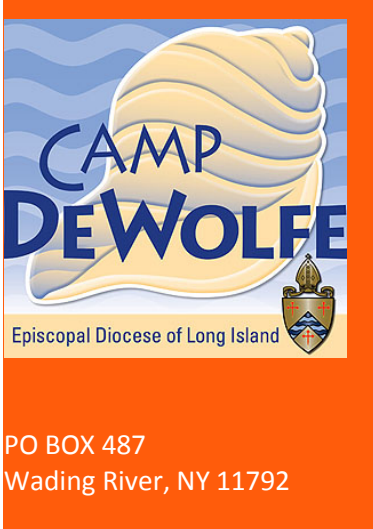
Do you have alumni stories like upcoming reunions, weddings, babies, life milestones or graduations? We would love to celebrate with you. Send a picture and information to the camp office to make the next issue!

SEND IN YOUR ALUMNI STORIES

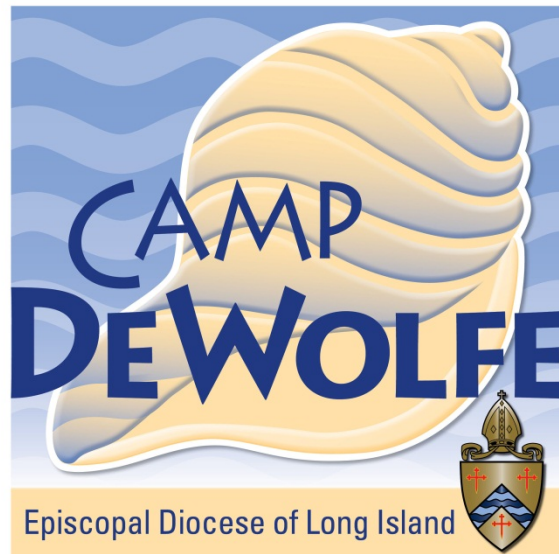
Email the Camp Office office@campdewolfe.org



Pictured - David and Emma
- 2 Camp Program Directors



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